

REMARKS

With the above amendments, claims 1-10, and 12-22 remain in the application. Claim 11 has been cancelled.

In the last Office Action, claims 11 and 19 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 22 was also allowed. The Applicants thank the Examiner for deeming claims 11 and 19 allowable, and for allowing claim 22.

Independent claims 1, 10, and 20 have been amended to recite features of then claim 11. Claim 11 has been cancelled. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 10, and 20 are now in condition for allowance. Dependent claims 2-9 ultimately depend on claim 1, dependent claims 12-19 ultimately depend on claim 10, and dependent claim 21 ultimately depend on claim 20. It is respectfully submitted that the aforementioned dependent claims are patentable at least for the same reasons that the claims they depend on are patentable.

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10, and 12-22 are now in condition for allowance. If the next communication is other than a Notice Of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (408)436-2112.

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